

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2281 - SB 2309**

February 9, 2018

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits a juvenile court from imposing a fine or fee against a child and instead requires any fine or fee to be assessed against the child's parent or legal guardian.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-131(a)(5), if a child is found to be a delinquent child, the court is authorized to assess a fine of up to \$50 for each offense that constitutes a violation of a state law or municipal ordinance.
- Further, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 37-1-146(b)(4), if a child is found to be in violation of a traffic law or ordinance, the court may impose a fine of up to \$50.
- Based on information provided by the Administrative Office of the Courts, it is estimated that requiring any such fine to be imposed against a child's parent or legal guardian, rather than the child, will not significantly impact fine revenue to the court system.
- No fiscal impact on the operations of the Department of Children's Services.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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